

**A STUDY ON THE REASON BEHIND
THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHRISTIANITY IN SHAW'S PLAYS**

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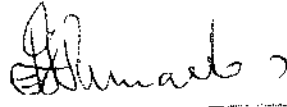
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ABSTRACT

If we read Shaw's plays we will easily find that he often employed Christianity in his plays. The writer is sure that this phenomenon has an explanation. Due to this matter this study is made. The writer intends to find out Shaw's opinion and - the most important - the reason behind the employment of Christianity in his plays.

The writer applies Expressive Theory to guide her understand the relation badween these particular plays with its author. Besides that, the writer also apllies Philosophical Approach and Biographical Approach to solve the problems of the study. To help her analyzing the characters and setting of each play the writer applies Objective Theory and Objective Approach to this study.

This study consists of two major analyses, i.e. setting analysis and character analysis. The result of these two analyses shows Shaw's opinion on Christianity. According to him the Christian God was mean and absurd. The Church was now only a secular institution whose job was to controll ideas, tastes and policies in Christianity. Shaw wrote about all of this in his plays to make the readers and the church realize the truth and to encourage the readers to seek the truth.